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ANNUAL REPORT

1959

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

Dulyn Thomas, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR:

D. O. Davies, Cert. S.I.B. (Part-time)

To the Chairman and Members of the
Aberaeron Urban District Council.

PREFACE.

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Health Department for the year ended the 31st December, 1959.

The number of registered live births for the year was fourteen, an increase of four on the figure for the previous year. The birth rate expressed as per 1,000 population was 12.07 compared to the national figure of 16.5 There were no stillbirths or infant deaths and no mother died as the result of childbirth.

The number of registered deaths was fifteen, a decrease of eleven on the figure for 1958. Seven persons died of heart disease, five from vascular lesion of the nervous system (stroke) and one from cancer.

The only cases of infectious diseases notified were four cases of scarlet fever. There were two new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, both persons affected being over the age of fifty five. One notes that for several years in succession not a single young person in this District has contacted Tuberculosis, whereas in the past this disease took a heavy toll of teenagers and young adults.

A more detailed account of the work of the Health Department will be found in the ensuing pages which include a portion prepared by the Public Health Inspector. The Council has moved ahead with the preparation of a sewerage and sewage disposal scheme to serve the unsewered area of the town and the approval of the Welsh Office is expected. It is hoped that we shall be able to proceed with this very necessary scheme in the near future.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	388
Population (Census 1951)...	1,229
Population (Registrar General's Mid-Year 1959)..	1,160
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1959	£17,883
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1960	£18,052
Sum represented by a penny rate 1959/60	£71
Estimated sum to be obtained by a penny rate 1960/61... ...	£72

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

		Total	Male	Female
Number of registered live births	Leg:	14	9	5
	Illeg:	-	-	-
Number of registered still births	Leg:	-	-	-
	Illeg:	-	-	-
Number of deaths of infants under 1 year.	Leg:	-	-	-
	Illeg:	-	-	-
Number of deaths of infants under 4 weeks	Leg:	-	-	-
	Illeg:	-	-	-
Number of deaths of women ascribed to childbirth		-	-	-
Number of registered deaths		15	6	9
Area comparability factor for births			1.33	
Area comparability factor for deaths			0.65	

Vital Statistics for the Area

with Comparative figures for Cardiganshire and England and Wales where applicable.

	Aberaeron Urban	Cardiganshire	England and Wales
No. of live births - male	9	423	
No. of live births - female	5	354	
Total number of live births	14	777	
Live birth rate per 1000 population	12.07	14.63	16.5
No. of still-births	Nil	16	
Still-birth rate per 1000 live and still births	0	20.18	20.7
Infant deaths (under 1 year)	Nil	18	
Infant mortality rate per 1000 live births - total	0	23.17	22.0
Infant mortality rate per 1000 live births - legitimate	0	24.13	
Infant mortality rate per 1000 live births - illegitimate	0	32.26	
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1000 live births - (first four weeks)	0	20.59	
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	0	3.99	
Maternal deaths including abortion	Nil	0	
Maternal mortality rate per 1000 live and still births	0	0	
Total number of deaths	15	789	
Death rate per 1000 population	12.93	14.86	11.6

Area comparability factor for births 1.33

Area comparability factor for deaths 0.65

CAUSES OF DEATH

Registrar General's Code Number	Causes of Death	Number of deaths Male	Female	Total
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5	Whooping cough	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8	Measles	-	-	-
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	-	-
11	Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus	-	-	-
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
14	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	-	-	-
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16	Diabetes	-	-	-
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	2	5
18	Coronary disease, angina	1	-	1
19	Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	-
20	Other heart disease	2	4	6
21	Other circulatory disease	-	-	-
22	Influenza	-	-	-
23	Pneumonia	-	-	-
24	Bronchitis	-	-	-
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
27	Gastiritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations	-	-	-
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	1	1
33	Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-
34	All other accidents	-	-	-
35	Suicide	-	1	1
36	Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
	TOTAL	6	9	15

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following is a list of the notifications of infectious disease, other than tuberculosis, received during the year.

Cholera	-
Diphtheria	-
Dysentery (amoebic and bacillary).	-
Encephalitis	-
Erysipelas	-
Food poisoning	-
Malaria	-
Measles	-
Meningococcal meningitis	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-
Paratyphoid fever	-
Plague	-
Pneumonia (acute primary and acute influenzal)..	-
Poliomyelitis	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-
Relapsing fever	-
Scarlet fever	4
Smallpox	-
Typhoid fever	-
Typhus fever	-
Whooping cough	-

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the sex and age distribution of the new cases notified during the year.

AGE GROUP	RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
0 - 1				
1 - 2				
2 - 4				
5 - 9				
10 - 14				
15 - 19				
20 - 24				
25 - 34				
35 - 44				
45 - 54				
55 - 64	1			
65 - 74		1		
75 +				
TOTALS:	1	1	-	-

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

These are essentially the same as in 1958. The main features are as follows:-

(a) No ante-natal or post-natal clinic is held in the district by the local health authority. Expectant and nursing mothers receive medical advice from their own practitioners.

(b) An infant welfare clinic is held once a fortnight.

(c) The domiciliary midwifery service is carried out by the district nurse who is also a State Certified Midwife.

(d) The Aberaeron Urban District Council area forms part of a much larger area covered by a health visitor of the County Council.

(e) Home nursing is in the hands of the district nurse.

(f) Poliomyelitis vaccination is carried out by the local health authority but immunisation against diphtheria is performed partly by the former and partly by the person's own medical attendant.

(g) An ambulance is stationed at New Quay which is used for general and accident work. Fever cases are usually removed by an ambulance earmarked for infectious diseases and stationed at Aberystwyth.

(h) Care and after care is in the hands of the district nurse and of the health visitor. Tuberculosis cases are also followed up by the Chest Physician's Health Visitor.

(i) Domestic help is provided by suitable persons who are, as a rule, engaged locally.

SECTION 47 OF THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No action was taken under the above enactment which deals with persons who are unable to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons proper care and attention.

DULYN THOMAS

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Swyddfa'r Sir,
Aberystwyth.

June, 1960.

ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR

I have pleasure in submitting my annual report for 1959 as follows:-

Sanitary Circumstances of the District.

Sewerage.

Part of the district is sewered and it is hoped that the remaindor will have been provided with this urgently needed service by the end of 1960.

Closet Accommodation.

Estimated number of Privies with fixed receptacles	186
Estimated number of Privies with moveable receptacles	20
Estimated number of Water Closets	236
Estimated number of Earth Closets	8
Number of conversions - Privy Pits to Water Closets	-
Number of conversions - Pail Closets to Water Closets	5
New houses completed with pail closets	-
New houses completed with water closets	1

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The town refuse is collected once weekly and disposed of in a controlled tip in the rural district. The service is operating satisfactorily.

Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of Inspections of Dwelling houses	26
Number of Inspections of Dairies	4
Number of Inspections of Bakehouses	4
Number of Inspections of Meat Shops	4
Number of houses visited upon notification of infectious disease	1
Number of houses disinfected after infectious disease	1

Notices under the Public Health Act, 1936.

Number of informal notices served	Nil
Number of informal notices complied with	Nil
Number of Statutory Notices served	Nil

No proceedings were taken during 1959.

Camping Sites.

Number of Sites which were used for camping purposes during the year..... 1
Number of Sites in respect of which licences were issued by the Local Authority under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936..... 1
Estimated number of campers in the area at one time during the summer period .....,80

HOUSING

Inspection of dwelling houses.

Total number of dwellings inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health and Housing Acts) 4

Remedy of Defects without service of formal notices.

Number of houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action 2

Rats and Mice Destruction.

All types of premises were visited and where necessary advice and poison baiting was carried out.

Housing Act, 1949 & Housing Repairs & Rent Acts, 1954.
Improvement Grants - Discretionary.

No. of Applications approved	12
Amount of approved expenditure	£6753. 0. 9.
Amount of approved Grant	£3376.14. 6.
Average Grant per application	£281. 7.10½

FOOD INSPECTION

Articles of Food which were examined and found to be unfit for human consumption.

Cooked ham	110 lbs. 8 ozs.
Sheep's liver	4 lbs. 8 ozs.

Condemned articles of food were disposed of by incineration and burial.

Water Supply.

Five samples of the Town's supply were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination. All were found to be of excellent quality.

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

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tories Acts, 1937 and 1948.

The following return has been made to the Ministry of Labour and National rvice in accordance with Section 128 (3) of the Factories Act, 1937.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	2	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	10	10	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out workers' premises)	1	1	-	-
TOTAL	13	12	-	-